

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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Application No.: 10/551,838) Group Art Unit: 3725
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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING) Confirmation No.: 6230
DENTAL PROSTHESES)
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RESPONSE TO LACK OF UNITY HOLDING

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Sir:

Paragraph "2" of the Official Action dated October 23, 2008 indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two different groups, including Group I, recited in Claims 18-25, drawn to a blank for producing dental prostheses, and Group II, recited in Claims 26-31, drawn to a process for producing dental prostheses.

However, in paragraph "4", the Examiner states that only non-elected claims drawn to a blank are presented. Accordingly, it is not clear whether the Examiner's assertion is that Claims 26-31 are drawn to a blank, or that they to a process.

Should the Examiner assert that Claims 26-31 are drawn to a blank, Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 26 clearly recites "a process for producing a blank according to Claim 1" and does not positively recite any structure. Accordingly, the claim is a process claim.